

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

- 1 1. (Previously Presented) A glove with a protective pad assembly, comprising:  
2 a base layer that extends over a user's palm and encircles a user's thumb  
3 to protect a user's hand to which protective layers are to be applied, the base layer  
4 including integral fasteners on at least one internal or outwardly facing surface;  
5 and  
6 a plurality of protective layers that consist of protective material with  
7 integral fasteners on the respective surfaces thereof, the respective layers of the  
8 plurality of protective layers being smaller than the base layer and sized to cover  
9 regions of the base layer that correspond to an injury to a median nerve, the user's  
10 thumb, or bones or joints covered by the glove, the plurality of layers being  
11 arranged relative to the base layer to provide a selected number of protective  
12 layers to selected locations that correspond to the injury to the median nerve, the  
13 user's thumb, or bones or joints covered by the glove, the protective layers being  
14 configured to fasten to the base layer and to one another to provide at a given  
15 selected location the protection of a desired number of layers and to provide at  
16 any other selected locations as needed the protection of the same or a different  
17 number of layers.
- 1 2. (Original) The assembly of claim 1, further comprising:  
2 a cover layer that includes a smooth outer surface and an inner surface with fasteners that  
3 secure the cover layer in place relative to an outermost protective layer.
- 1 3. (Cancelled)
- 1 4. (Original) The assembly of claim 2 wherein at least one of the protective layers or the  
2 cover layer is waterproof.

- 1 5. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the protective material is padding.
- 1 6. (Original) The assembly of claim 5 wherein the padding is closed cell foam.
- 1 7. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the protective material is a gel pad.
- 1 8. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the protective material is a hot or cold  
2 pack.
- 1 9. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the protective material is a thermal  
2 resistant material.
- 1 10. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the protective material for one or more  
2 of the protective layers consists of or includes a rigid material.
- 1 11. (Original) The assembly of claim 10 wherein the rigid material is a splint.
- 1 12. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein at least one of the plurality of protective  
2 layers extends past the area covered by the base layer.
- 1 13. (Cancelled)
- 1 14. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the integral fasteners on the surfaces of  
2 the base layer and protective layers are hooks or loops used in a hook and loop fastening  
3 system.
- 1 15. – 24. (Cancelled).
- 1 25. (Previously Presented) A glove with a protective pad assembly comprising:

2 a removable base layer that covers a user's palm and portions of a user's thumb,  
3 the base layer including integral fasteners on at least one internal or outwardly facing  
4 surface; and

5 a plurality of removably located protective layers that consist of protective  
6 material with integral fasteners on the respective surfaces thereof, the respective layers of  
7 the plurality of removably located protective layers being smaller than the base layer and  
8 sized to cover regions of the base layer that correspond to locations of injuries to  
9 particular nerves, bones or tendons to the area covered by the base layer, the plurality of  
10 removably located layers being arranged relative to the base layer to provide a selected  
11 number of protective layers to customizably selected locations that correspond to  
12 particular the injuries of the nerves, bones, joints or tendons to the area covered by the  
13 base layer, the protective layers being configured to fasten to the base layer and to one  
14 another to provide at a given selected location the protection of a desired number of  
15 removably located protective layers and to provide at any other selected locations as  
16 needed the protection of the same or a different number of layers at any given time.

1 26. (Previously Presented) A glove, comprising:

2 a base layer that covers a user's hand and portions of a user's thumb, wherein the  
3 base layer includes integral fasteners on an internal and outwardly facing surface; and

4 a plurality of protective layers that consist of protective material with integral fas-  
5 teners on both sides of each layer, the respective layers being smaller than the base layer  
6 and sized to cover an injured nerve within the user's hand, an inflamed area on the user's  
7 hand or an injury to the user's thumb, the plurality of removably located layers being ar-  
8 ranged relative to the base layer to provide a selected number of protective layers to cus-  
9 tomizably selected locations on the base layer that correspond to the injured nerve within  
10 the user's hand, the inflamed area on the user's hand or the injury to the user's thumb, the  
11 protective layers being configured to fasten to the base layer and to one another to pro-  
12 vide at a given selected location the protection of a desired number of removably located

13 protective layers and to provide at any other selected locations as needed the protection of  
14 the same or a different number of layers at any given time.

1 27. (Previously Presented) The glove of claim 26, wherein the protective material is  
2 padding and the padding is placed on the internal facing surface.

1 28. (Previously Presented) The glove of claim 27, wherein the padding is closed cell  
2 foam.

1 29. (Previously Presented) The glove of claim 26, wherein the protective material is a gel  
2 pad, and the gel pad is placed on the internal facing surface.

1 30. (Previously Presented) The glove of claim 26, wherein the protective material is a  
2 hot or cold pack, and the hot or cold pack is placed on the internal facing surface.

1 31. (Previously Presented) The glove of claim 26, wherein the protective material is a  
2 thermal resistant material is placed on the internal facing surface.

1 32. (Previously Presented) The glove of claim 26, wherein the protective material for one  
2 or more of the protective layers consists of or includes a rigid material.

1 33. (Previously Presented) The glove of claim 32, wherein the rigid material is a splint.